

Arlington Human Rights Commission Minutes-Final
September 16, 2015

Commissioners present: Christine Carney (Chair), Sharon Grossman, Bill Logan, Marlissa Briggett, Stacy Davison, Mel Goldsipe, Nick Minton, Gary Horowitz

Absent: Sheri Baron, Jorge Loayza, Yawa Degboe, Ghanda DiFiglia

Meeting called to order at 8:10

Citizen's Open Forum (15 Minutes):

June, July and August 2015 Minutes to review:

June minutes were approved with two abstentions.
July minutes were approved with four abstentions.
August minutes were approved with four abstentions.
September 8 minutes were approved with two abstentions.

Correspondence Received:

Sarah Ting from World Unity Incorporated called. Wanted to share initiative with AHRC and would like to invite AHRC to attend an event. She has been in contact with several commissioners via email. Susan Harrington, Arlington Friends of the Drama, called for Commissioner Carney or Commissioner Baron regarding this past Town Day. Commissioner Davison announced her resignation from the AHRC.

Incidents & Complaints:

None.

Commission opening update:

Town Manager has posted the position with an October 9th deadline, the Town Moderator has not posted the position yet, but will with a October 15th deadline. The Town Manager's position was posted to the AHRC Facebook page and the Arlington List Facebook page.

LGBTQ Survey/ Vision 2020 Survey inclusion:

Commissioner Goldsipe started the discussion of including questions from the LGBTQ survey. Discussion was had regarding which question to use. It was decided that questions 1, 8, 9 should be submitted, with an addition to 9 saying, "Did you know you can report discrimination to the AHRC?" Motion was made to approve including questions 1, 8 & 9 to the Vision 2020 Survey. Motion was amended to include requesting Vision 2020 include a link to our LGBTQ+ Survey. Motion was unanimously carried.

Commissioner Horowitz raised objection to question 7 - "Should there be a central contact for the LGBTQ+ community?" Question was rearranged to be simpler.

Commissioner Logan moved to accept the wording of the LGBTQ+ Survey as amended. Motion was unanimously carried.

True Story Theater Collaboration:

Commissioner Goldsipe reported on attending the meeting with the True Story Theater. They discussed a thing they call a “Living Brochure”. There are two kinds of events, internal events (for “brand strengthening”) and external event (for community outreach). Commissioner Goldsipe recommended using their visual artist to assist us with creating a logo as an internal event. Tuesday, December 1st, and Wednesday, November 4 were suggested as dates for the internal meeting. Commissioner Goldsipe will make those suggestions to the True Story Theater.

The next topic discussed was the topic for the external events. Commissioner Goldsipe suggested targeting LGBTQ+ youth. Commissioner Goldsipe is going to inquire about the cost of the events. Commissioner Goldsipe and Commissioner Carney will attend the October 17 event.

Commissioner Goldsipe moved to ask the True Story Theater to help the AHRC develop a new logo and that, regarding the date of the event, Tuesday, December 1 as the first choice, Wednesday, November 4 as the second choice and Monday, November 30 as the third choice. Motion was unanimously carried.

Commissioner Briggett moved that the AHRC collaborates with the True Story Theater to put on three events for LGBTQ+ youth. Motion was unanimously carried.

Joint Diversity Task Group/Disabilities Commission/AHRC sub-committee:

This issue was tabled.

Cultural Competency Training:

This issue was tabled.

AHRC Bylaw review subcommittee:

Commissioner Logan is on the committee. Commissioner Goldsipe, Commissioner Horowitz and Commissioner Baron will also serve on the committee. The sub-committee meeting will occur October 21st.

Sub-committees Updates:

Schools: Commissioner Grossman reported on the joint subcommittee meeting with the APS School Committee and Superintendent Bodie.

Superintendent Diversity Advisory Committee: Next meeting will be Monday September 21, and Commissioner Minton will attend.

LGBTQ: Covered earlier

Events:

Showing of *Selma*: Commissioner Logan suggests meeting at 6:20 to set-up. Showing will start at 6:45. Commissioner Carney will bring tickets and AHRC bags.

Town Day Recap: Commissioner Grossman liked that people gave their email addresses. It encouraged people to stop and talk. People were impressed and excited about the showing of *Selma*. Commissioner Grossman thought that it was a good idea to have an AHRC event scheduled to happen soon after Town Day.

Commissioner Carney suggests that in the future, Town Day planning should start happening in April.

Community Events/Happenings:

True Story Theater's Fundraiser will be held on Sunday, November 15 1:00 – 3:30 PM at the Arlington Center for the Arts. www.Truestorytheater.com

Meeting was adjourned at 9:54pm.